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REMARKS

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action of October 4, 2006. Accordingly, reconsideration is requested.

The Office Action states that this application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention, and that Applicant is required to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant elects the species of FIGS. 1-4 for prosecution in the present application. Claims 1-13 are all readable on the species of FIGS. 1-4.

Applicant also adds dependent claims 14 and 15, which are readable on the species of FIGS. 5 and 6. As the Office Action stated, upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is a generic claim, and that claims 14 and 15, which are dependent on claim 1, should be considered.

Accordingly, in view of the above election of the species of FIGS. 1-4 and the above remarks suggesting that claim 1 is a generic claim, an action on the merits of claims 1-15 is earnestly requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or need further information, Examiner Chin is requested to call the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the address and number set forth below.

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